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PROPOSALS

BEGIN SUMMARY - MEXICO MORE DETAILS ON WORLD FOOD BANK
PREVIOUSLY PROPOSED 2ND PREPCOM. DISCUSSED AND CARRIED OVER
FOR CONSIDERATION 3RD PREPCOM. END SUMMARY

1. ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, MEXICO PROPOSED ESTABLISHMENT
OF A WORLD BANK OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL INPUTS SUPPLY AND
RESEARCH. MEXICO PROPOSED QUOTE

/FIRST/, THAT THERE BE ESTABLISHED A WORLD BANK OF FOOD,
AGRICULTURAL INPUTS SUPPLY AND RESEARCH AND THAT IT BE
ENDOWED WITH RESOURCES IN CASH AND KIND PROVIDED BY
CONTRIBUTING COUNTRIES THROUGH MECHANISMS TO BE PROVIDED FOR
THE PURPOSE.

/SECOND/, THAT THE PRIMARY, THOUGH NOT THE ONLY, PURPOSE
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OF THE BANK TO BE BUILD UP A RESERVE OF STAPLE FOODS
SUFFICIENT TO ALLAY THE DEPRIVATION NOW AFFLICTING SEVERAL

COUNTRIES IN THE WORLD AND TO PROVIDE STOCKS ADEQUATE TO FORESTALL FUTURE CRISES AND DISEQUILIBRIA.

/THIRD/, THAT THE FUNCTIONS OF THE WORLD BANK OF FOOD, AGRICULTURAL INPUTS SUPPLY AND RESEARCH BE SUPERVISED AND REGULATED BY A PERMANENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL WHOSE MEMBERS ARE TO BE ELECTED IN EQUAL NUMBERS BY THE UNITED NATIONS GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE FAO CONFERENCE. SIMILARLY, THAT THE BANK BE ADMINISTERED DIRECTLY BY A BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANSWERABLE TO THE COUNCIL AND WHOSE MEMBERS ARE DESIGNATED IN EQUAL NUMBERS BY THE CONTRIBUTING AND BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES.

/FOURTH/, THAT THE BANK, IN THE EXERCISE OF ITS FUNCTIONS, TAKE DUE ACCOUNT OF THE PARTICULAR CHARACTERISTICS OF THE DIFFERENT REGIONS AND COUNTRIES.

/FIFTH/, THAT ITS STRUCTURE BE GIVEN THE FLEXIBILITY REQUIRED TO STREAMLINE THE DECISION--MAKING PROCESS THROUGH REGIONALIZED ADMINISTRATIVE DECENTRALIZATION.

/SIXTH/, THAT THE CRITERIA FOR THE ALLOCATION OF RESOURCES IN CASH AND KIND BE ESTABLISHED BY THE PERMANENT INTERGOVERNMENTAL COUNCIL.

/SEVENTH/, THAT THE BANK ALSO FOSTER AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION BY SUPPORTING AND FINANCING ON FAVOURABLE CONDITIONS AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS DESIGNED TO INCREASE AND IMPROVE THE AVAILABILITY OF FOOD.

/EIGHTH/, THAT IT ALSO SUPPLY THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES WITH SCARCE AGRICULTURAL INPUTS, CHIEFLY FERTILIZER, IMPROVED SEED, CATTLE SEMEN, FODDERS, BALANCED FEEDS, MECHANICAL EQUIPMENT, ETC.

/NINTH/, THAT IT CONCURRENTLY OPERATE IN THE AREA OF TECHNOLOGICAL AND SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN PURSUIT OF SUCH PURPOSES AS ITS GOVERNING BODIES MAY ESTABLISH.

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/TENTH/, THAT THE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDED BY THE BANK BE SUBJECT TO RULES MORE FLEXIBLE AND FAVOURABLE THAN THOSE CONVENTIONALLY APPLIED IN EXISTING INTERNATIONAL FINANCING AGENCIES.

/ELEVENTH/, THAT IT TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO BRING ABOUT THE GRADUAL INTERNATIONALIZATION OF THE STRUCTURE OF AGRICULTURE, OF THE PRODUCTION AND DISTRIBUTION OF AGRICULTURAL INPUTS, OF THE PROMOTION AND DISSEMINATION OF AGRICULTURAL TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND OF SUPPORT TO THE AIMS OF ECONOMIC,

SOCIAL AND CULTURAL BETTERMENT THAT MUST BE REGARDED AS THE
COMMON HERITAGE OF ALL PEOPLES. UNQUOTE

2. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE INFORMAL DISCUSSION OF MEXICAN
PROPOSAL AS WAS CASE OF OTHER PROPOSALS, INCLUDING THE JAPANESE
PROPOSAL ON AN IMPROVED INFORMATION SYSTEM, WHICH WAS
QUICKLY ENDORSED IN PRINCIPLE BY THE US DELEGATE. WHILE
US DELEGATE COMMENTED THAT MEXICAN PROPOSAL WAS IMAGINATIVE
THERE WERE LARGE PARTS OF IT THAT US COULD NEVER SUPPORT.
NONE OF THE PROPOSALS WERE WITHDRAWN IN FAVOR OF WFC SECRE-
TARIAT'S PROPOSAL OF A WORLD FOOD AUTHORITY. ALL PROPOSALS
CARRIED OVER TO 3RD PREPCOM - SEPTEMBER 23 - OCTOBER 5.
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